

The listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-18 (Canceled).

Claim 19 (New): Lens holder (1) for a device for inserting deformable intraocular lenses, by means of which an intraocular lens can be transferred from a relaxed state into an elastically deformed state so that it can be injected with the aid of the device into an eye, where it resumes its relaxed state again, and the lens holder (1) contains a flexible backing support (8) with two oppositely lying peripheral regions (9, 10), which flexible backing support (8) can be deformed from an open position, in which it is designed to accommodate an intraocular lens in its relaxed state, into a closed position in which it forms a passage (18) for accommodating the deformed intraocular lens and the lens holder (1) is designed to be inserted in the device in the closed position, characterised in that the transitions from the flexible backing support (8) to the peripheral regions (9, 10) in the passage (18) formed in the closed position are designed so that the passage has a snail-shaped cross-section at one of its ends.

Claim 20 (New): Lens holder as claimed in claim 19, wherein it is designed so that it can be transferred from the open into the closed position by bending the flexible backing support (8) and an increasing curvature is imparted to the flexible backing support (8) and hence also to the intraocular lens in contact with it as a result.

Claim 21 (New): Lens holder as claimed in claim 19, wherein the flexible backing support (8) can be elastically deformed between the open position and the closed position and is relaxed in the open position.

Claim 22 (New): Lens holder as claimed in claim 19, wherein the flexible backing support (8) can be elastically deformed between the open position and the closed position and is relaxed in the closed position.

Claim 23 (New): Lens holder as claimed in claim 19, wherein an undercut (11) is provided at the transition from the flexible backing support (8) to the respective peripheral region (9, 10) on either side for retaining and guiding the edges of the intraocular lens.

Claim 24 (New). Lens holder as claimed in claim 23, wherein at least one of the undercut peripheral regions (9, 10) has a recess (13) so that when the intraocular lens is inserted, its edge is able to pass the peripheral region of the lens holder unhindered.

Claim 25 (New): Lens holder as claimed in claim 19, wherein, a spherical depression (12) is disposed in the flexible backing support in order to accommodate the optical part of the intraocular lens.

Claim 26 (New): Lens holder as claimed in claim 19, wherein the flexible backing support (8) has a tapered region (14) at one end between the peripheral regions (9, 10) forming a guide for a

push rod (6) for transporting the deformed intraocular lens.

Claim 27 (New): Lens holder as claimed in claim 19, wherein the flexible backing support (8) has a cross-section which constantly varies from the centre out towards the two peripheral regions (9, 10).

Claim 28 (New): Lens holder as claimed in claim 19, wherein means (15, 16) for mutually connecting the peripheral regions are provided in the peripheral regions (9, 10).

Claim 29 (New): Lens holder as claimed in claim 19, wherein gripping means (17) are provided at the peripheral regions to make it easier to deform the flexible backing support (8).

Claim 30 (New): Lens holder as claimed in claim 19, wherein the passage (18) formed in the closed position becomes narrower towards one end of the lens holder.

Claim 31 (New): Lens holder as claimed in claim 23, wherein at least one of the undercuts (11) becomes larger towards one end of the lens holder in order to form an inlet portion (19) for a haptic disposed in the intraocular lens.

Claim 32 (New): Lens holder as claimed in claim 19, wherein it is provided with catch means (20) in order to position and retain the lens holder in a housing (2) of said device.

Claim 33 (New): Lens holder as claimed in claim 19, wherein it is made from polypropylene and is preferably manufactured integrally by an injection moulding process.